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SUBJECT: CODEL ROSTENKOWSKI

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1. I CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS BERNARDIC THIS MORNING AND REQUESTED THAT CODEL BE RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT TITO DURING THEIR VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA. BERNARDIC SAID HE WOULD FORWARD THIS REQUEST TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES BUT CAUTIONED THAT SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE UNLIKELY SINCE TITO'S SCHEDULE IS NOW VERY RESTRICTED AND LIMITED TO RECEIVING FOREIGN HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AND HIS OWN SENIOR OFFICIALS.

2. I SAID AT THAT POINT THAT IF A MEETING WITH TITO WERE NOT POSSIBLE, THE CODEL WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO MEET WITH A MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENCY SUCH AS KARDELJ OR BAKARIC. BERNARDIC REPLIED THAT HE THOUGHT SUCH A MEETING WAS IN THE "FRAMEWORK OF POSSIBILITY". WITH REGARD TO MEETING WITH FEDERAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT GLIGOROV, I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS WILL BE ARRANGED.

3. I HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT DOW CHEMICAL IS PLANNING TO GIVE A DINNER FOR THE CODEL IN BELGRADE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 31. AS THE
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SCHEDULE NOW STANDS, HOWEVER, THE YUGOSLAV FEDERAL ASSEMBLY, WHICH WILL ACT AS THE CODEL'S HOST DURING THEIR VISIT TO BELGRADE, PLANS TO HAVE A DINNER FOR THEM THAT EVENING. I RECOMMEND, THEREFORE, THAT IF DOW WISHES TO HOST A DINNER FOR THE CODEL IN YUGOSLAVIA IT CONSIDER DOING SO ON ONE OF THE TWO EVENINGS WHEN THE CODEL IS IN DUBROVNIK (APRIL 1 OR 2). THE DELEGATION WILL THEN HAVE COMPLETED ITS "OFFICIAL" SCHEDULE IN BELGRADE, WHERE

THEY WILL BE THE GUESTS OF THE FEDERAL ASSEMBLY. MOREOVER,
SINCE THE DINA PROJECT IS IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, IT MIGHT
BE MORE APPROPRIATE IN ANY CASE FOR DOW TO ARRANGE ANY HOSPITALITY
IT WISHES IN DUBROVNIK.
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